in the matter only after the State Government/Civil Authorities sponsor firm proposals for the desired facilities, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules.

Pollution by Public sector Units

1999. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some public sector units have been violating the instructions by not installing the pollution control equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some public sector units in the country are not conforming to the prescribed standards due to their not installing adequate pollution control equipment. However, these units have already initiated steps to provide the necessary pollution control devices. The progress of work in this respect is monitored by the respective State Pollution Control Boards.

(c) The action taken by the Government against such units is as under:

i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

ii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

iii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to limit the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated standers;

iv) The Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments, has prepared an action plan to meet the effluent and emission standards for polluting industries, including public sector units;

v) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting of polluting industries from congested area;

vi) Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to closer of small-scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

[*English*]

New Flight between Indore and Bhopal

2000. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether the government have any proposal to introduce new air routes between Delhi, Indore and Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Air taxi operators

2001. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have a plan for relax rules for the air taxi operators in order to attract N.R.Is in the venture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating a new policy for the air services to encourage efficiency and economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The air taxi scheme is already designed to attract NRI investment.

(c) and (d). Under the New Industrial policy, air transport has been deleted from the list of industries reserved for public sector.

Elephant Sanctuaries

2002. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elephant sanctuaries at present and the location thereof;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up some new elephant sanctuaries; and

(c) if so, the name of the States where these are proposed to be set up and the area likely to be covered under these new sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There are no sanctuaries created especially for elephants. However, a Statement showing the sanctuaries having elephant population and their locations is given in statement. I

(b) and (c). The wildlife Institute of India in their report entitled 'PLANNING A WILDLIFE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK' in areas having elephant population. The names and the areas of the recommended sanctuaries are given in Statement II

As the power to set up sanctuaries vests with State Governments, they have been requested to consider implementation of the report.

STATEMENT -I

Name of the Wild Life sanctuaries which have Elephant Populations

S.No.	*Name of the Wildlife Sanctuaries*	*District*	*State*
1.	Sri Venkateswara	Chittoor, Guddapa	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Mehao	Dibang Valley	Arunachal Pradesh